THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Madhya Pradesh has 1,55,414 Sq. Kms. recorded forest area. Since 1-1-89 upto 31-12-91, 1,27,597.52 hactares forest land has been approved for diversion for non-forestry uses in Madhya Pradesh under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Since 1-1-89 upto 31-12-91, 193 proposals have been received from the Madhya Pradesh State Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry uses.

(c) Since 1-1-89 upto 31-12-91, 131 proposals pertaining to Madhya Pradesh have been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As on 31-12-91, 62 proposals were pending with the Central Government.

Nuclear fuel complex in Hyderabad

3512. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the nuclear fuel complex proposed to be expanded in Hyderabad would cause environmental problems in the city of Hyderabad ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is agitation from environmentalists against the said project ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to close down this unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Proposed expansion activities at Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad are not likely to cause environmental problems as the projects have been examined in detail and environmental safe-guards provided before according environmental clearance. Project authorities have been directed to keep discharges into the environment within prescribed limits.

(b) There have been Press reports expressing apprehensions regarding possible environmental pollution because of envisaged activities, which have been denied by the Nuclear Fuel Complex authorities.

(c) Does not arise.

Social Forestry programme in the country

3513. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted a review of the implementation of social forestry programme ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the achievement made by different States in the implementation of social forestry programme ; and

(c) the amount allocated to and spent by each State in implementing the programme so far ?

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